

GLEN. PERSHING "HEARTILY APPRECIATES" WOUNDED SOLDIERS' FUND

Lilian Bell, The Evening World, New York: Heartily appreciate efforts of The New York Evening World to raise funds to give a Christmas remembrance to each of the wounded ex-service men still under treatment in the New York hospitals. At no time would the incapacitated veterans of the war appreciate the public's thought of them so much as during the Christmas season.

TO-NIGHT'S weather—RAIN and WARMER. TO-MORROW'S weather—RAIN.

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BIG RAISE IN BAIL PUTS CROOKS IN CELLS METAL CEILING MEN STIFLE COMPETITION

COAL PRICES LAID TO GRAFT BY U. S. OFFICIALS, WHO GOT \$750,000 IN AN EXPORT DEAL

Witness Says Dollar-a-Year Man Used Confidential Information to Boost Prices.

TELLS OF BIG BRIBE. Names of Those Involved Are Given Confidentially to Calder Committee.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Rumors which have been afloat in Washington for months of graft in connection with the coal shortage have received partial confirmation to-day. A witness before the Senate Reconstruction Committee, in answer to the question of where the large coal profits have gone, said: "Government officials absorbed some of it."

That a dollar-a-year Government official, who received \$3 legal compensation for three years' work, in combination with an army captain and another unnamed official, cleaned up \$750,000 between them on an export coal by using Government information as to where coal was urgently needed in Europe and antipating the orders by securing the fuel through collusion with certain coal men and selling it abroad at exorbitant prices.

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COURT REFUSES TO LET LANDLORD INCREASE RENTS

Declares High-Water Mark of Prices Has Been Reached and Probably Passed.

Judge John R. Davies, in the East 88th Street Municipal Court, to-day gave official recognition to the downward trend of prices when, in deciding the fair and reasonable rentals of thirty-seven apartments in the four-story houses Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 8 East 108th Street, of which landlord Heller is the lessee, he refused to grant any increase, holding that the high-water mark for supplies and labor had been reached and probably passed.

WINDOW SHOPPING TRIP BY WILSONS

President and Wife Ride in Auto Through F Street Unrecognized by Crowds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson went window shopping on F Street yesterday, viewing the Christmas crowds and the brightly decorated shops from an open automobile.

BURGLAR WITH HEART, LEAVES CHILD'S TOYS

Modern Editha Is Entertained by Chicago Crook Whose Sympathies Are Aroused.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A "Christmas burglar with a heart" heeded the pleas of Ruth Mailey, age ten, not to take her Christmas presents when she found him in her home yesterday noon, on her return from school for lunch.

When she told him she would have to return to school he said: "Tell your mother I'll return some day and steal everything in the house," but he left without taking anything.

IMPOSTOR POSING AS RICKENBACKER WEDS SOCIETY GIRL

Four-Flusher, Royally Entertained, Impersonates American Ace in Florida.

HIRES MAN AT \$25,000.

Married in Jacksonville, Borrows Money, While Rickenbacker Is in California.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22.—After posing as Eddie Rickenbacker, the famous American ace, marrying Frances Hannan, one of Jacksonville's prominent society girls, and victimizing a number of prominent men of hundreds of dollars, an unidentified man departed for parts unknown, taking with him his bride of two days and cash estimated at more than \$2,000.

The impostor was elaborately entertained at clubs and social functions. Several days ago he arrived in Jacksonville. Two days afterward he met Miss Hannan, daughter of a prominent business man. At a banquet Sunday night they announced their engagement. The same night, accompanied by friends, they went to St. Augustine, where they were married.

While here he signed a contract with W. M. Farans of New York and Philadelphia, said to be sales manager of a brass manufacturing company of Philadelphia, appointing Farans manager of the Stutz Motor Car Company at a salary of \$25,000 a year. After the appointment was accepted the impostor borrowed \$1,000 from Farans.

The real Eddie Rickenbacker is said to be in Oakland, Cal., according to dispatches received here. A telegram was received to-day by Mrs. Ann Farans, mother of William, at their home in this city, No. 132 West 117th Street, which picked the bubble of good fortune that the spurious "Eddie Rickenbacker" had inflated for Farans to the tune of \$25,000 a year. The telegram, dated Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22, said:

"Whole thing a farce. You will probably read about it in the newspapers. I came out all right and will write you all about it. Call up Bryant and tell him I am leaving for Miami."

Police Methods of New York City Just Like Those of Country Towns

SOUTH ORANGE.

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., has organized squads of reserves, who with riot guns will scour the town in search of crooks. These squads are made up of citizens who will shoot to kill such thieves and gunmen as they may encounter. In addition to the squads 253 citizens have volunteered their services and will be subject to instant call to duty.

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COMMISSIONER Enright has organized twenty automobile squads of police armed with automatics and rifles who will scour the thoroughfares of Gotham in search of crooks. These speeding police have instruction to shoot to kill and crooks they may find at work or who shall try to escape.

MAPLEWOOD, N. J.

MAPLEWOOD, N. J., has organized armed squads of Home Guards to run down the criminals. These Home Guards are armed with revolvers and rifles and they will drive about in automobiles. They will shoot to kill such crooks as they may discover at work.

METAL CEILING MEN HAD DRASTIC RULES TO REGULATE BIDS

When a Job Was Abandoned No Other Contractor Could Take It Up.

The first witness before the Lockwood Committee on Housing at the City Hall to-day, was Otto C. Margraff, Secretary of the Metal Ceiling Association. He said the association has twenty-eight members and met monthly at the Building Trades Employers' Association offices in West 33d Street.

Mr. Margraff said he called Mr. Untermyer put into the record notice sent to the committee by Isador A. Levy, secretary of the Stone Mason Contractors' Association and Corporation, calling the members of both to a special meeting to-morrow night to discuss and dissolve both bodies. This was in conformity with the voluntary promise of Thomas P. Kennedy, president, made yesterday after being subjected to a raising fire of questions by Mr. Untermyer.

DRASTIC RULE FOR THE CEILING CONTRACTORS.

A rule of the Metal Ceiling Association provided that if a member abandon a job no other member might complete it without the consent of the contractor who had quit—unless the association by a two-thirds vote overruled the veto of the original contractor.

HARDING CALLS HUGHES RUMORS HOLIDAY FICTION

Refers Sarcasically to Report That Ex-Justice Is to Head Cabinet.

MAHON, O., Dec. 22.—PUBLISHED reports that Senator Knox, acting as spokesman for President-Elect Harding, had induced Charles E. Hughes to accept the post of Secretary of State, were denied to-day by Senator Harding.

"I find this one of the most complete bits of holiday fiction writing that has yet been brought to my attention," said the Senator.

Charles E. Hughes to-day issued the following written statement: "The stories published are irresponsible rumors and I do not care to discuss them."

Previously Mr. Hughes, in conversation over the telephone, said he did not have a conference with Senator Knox in Washington yesterday as was reported.

STOCK EXCHANGE ORDERS INQUIRY ON PRICE SLUMPS

Members Called Upon to Explain Dealings in Replote and Vanadium; One Failure.

It has been decided by the New York Stock Exchange to institute a rigid investigation of the causes back of the collapse in the market for Replote and Vanadium steel shares yesterday. The former stock closed the day with a net decline of 19 points and Vanadium suffered a 7 point decline.

WILSON TO RIDE WITH HARDING IN INAUGURAL PARADE

Will Entertain New President at Luncheon in White House After Ceremony.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Joseph P. Tumulty said to-day that President Wilson had outlined to him his plans with regard to "Inauguration Day." As is the custom, Mr. Harding will call at the White House just before noon and will be received by the retiring Executive. They will ride down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol, where the President-elect will take the oath of office and deliver his inaugural address.

The new and retiring President will lead the usual parade up the avenue to the White House, where Mr. Wilson will entertain Mr. Harding at luncheon. Immediately afterward President Wilson will retire to his new home on 8 Street to take up his life of a private citizen after eight years in the White House.

The continued steady improvement in the President's health, according to Secretary Tumulty, will make the contemplated visit of the President with President-elect Harding to the Capitol possible even in the event of the most inclement weather.

NO ACTION YET ON ENRIGHT AS HEAD OF POLICE

Commissioner Has Neither Resigned Nor Been Removed Up to Date.

JUDGE SENDS 160 CROOKS AWAITING TRIAL TO TOMBS IN DEFAULT OF BIGGER BAIL

Time to Give Criminals a Lesson in Power of Authorities, Says Judge McIntyre—Hawthorne Pleads Guilty to Robbery at Hotel Astor—Shake-Up in Police Department Again Rumored—Raids Continue

There is likely to be a housing problem in the Tombs City Prison soon. The judges of General Sessions are determined to keep dangerous prisoners in cells until their cases are disposed of.

Practical demonstration of the temper of the courts with respect to criminals in New York was had this morning in the court of Judge McIntyre when he ordered decided increases in the bail of men awaiting trial and sent 160 of them to the Tombs.

Before Judge McIntyre were 204 men who have been enjoying the freedom resulting from small bail bonds. These are under indictment for crimes ranging from pocket picking to highway robbery. In every instance where the police or District Attorney's records showed that the defendants had been previously arrested for crimes or where it was found they had carried weapons in the commission of the crime which they await trial, they were forthwith ordered to cells.

105 LABORERS PUT TO DEATH AT SOVIET'S ORDER

Executions Follow Strike for More Food and Against 16-Hour Day.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A SERIOUS labor riot occurred recently in Petrograd, says a Reisingford despatch to the Central News under yesterday's date, in which many persons were killed or injured. The riot was crushed and 105 laborers were executed, the despatch adds.

FALLS 1,000 FEET FROM MONOPLANE

Lieut. Coates Suffers Fractured Ankle in First Trial Flight of Passenger Craft.

Lieut. William Coates, who was a flying instructor at Minneapolis during the war, is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough, N. J., recovering from injuries suffered in a 1,000-foot fall yesterday afternoon at Marchio Field.

Coates was making the first trial flight in a new four-passenger monoplane which he had helped to build. When he had ascended 1,000 feet observers on the ground saw that something went wrong with the left wing. Coates tried to glide down, but the machine behaved more erratically than ever. He turned on the motor again and it was running full speed when the plane struck the ground.